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In re Application of  
OKUMURA, et al.  
Application No.: 10/577,877  
PCT No.: PCT/JP04/15520  
Int. Filing Date: 20 October 2004  
Priority Date: 11 November 2003  
Atty Docket No.: 403695/SOEI  
For: A RUST-PREVENTIVE WATER-OIL  
SEPARATING CLEANER COMPOSITION AND  
A CLEANING METHOD USING THE SAME

DECISION ON RENEWED  
PETITION UNDER  
37 CFR 1.47(a)

This decision is in response to the renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) filed 05 April 2007 to accept the application without the signature of joint inventor Masahiro Makino.

**BACKGROUND**

On 15 March 2007, applicant was mailed a decision dismissing applicant's petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a). Applicant was afforded two months to file any request for reconsideration.

On 05 April 2007, applicant filed the renewed petition considered herein.

**DISCUSSION**

As detailed in the decision mailed 15 March 2007, a petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) must be accompanied by (1) the fee under 37 CFR 1.17(g), (2) factual proof that the missing joint investor refuses to execute the application or cannot be reached after diligent effort, (3) a statement of the last known address of the missing inventor, and (4) an oath or declaration by each 37 CFR 1.47(a) applicant on his or her own behalf and on behalf of the non-signing joint inventor. Applicant previously satisfied items 1, 3 and 4.

As to item (2), with the filing of the signed statement of translator Shiro Terasaki and explanation of counsel, applicant has satisfied the remaining concerns of the decision mailed 15 March 2007 and it is proper to grant applicant's renewed petition at this time.

**CONCLUSION**

For the reasons above, applicant's renewed petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a) is **GRANTED**.

The application has an international filing date of 20 October 2004 under 35 U.S.C. 363, and will be given a date of **08 March 2007** under 35 U.S.C. 371(c)(1), (c)(2) and (c)(4).

As provided in 37 CFR 1.47(c), a notice of the filing of this application will be forwarded to the non-signing inventors at their last known addresses of record. A notice of the filing of the application under 37 CFR 1.47(a) will be published in the Official Gazette.

This application is being returned to the DO/EO/US for processing in accordance with this decision.



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